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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 2867**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: GREY et al.

Application No.: 09/845,500

Filing Date: April 30, 2001

For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS  
WHEREIN A MACHINE-  
READABLE ITEM CODE IS  
SUBSTANTIALLY INVISIBLE TO  
A HUMAN

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) Group Art Unit: 2867

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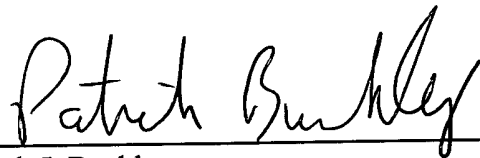
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) **RESPONSE to the Final Office Action**  
) **Mailed August 20, 2003**  
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In response to the final Office Action mailed August 20, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

Please change the title to: IDENTIFICATION CARD HAVING A PLURALITY OF  
BAR CODES THAT ARE SUBSTANTIALLY INVISIBLE

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

A replacement Abstract is provided on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.